

# Mountain View



*A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community, published by the Randolph Foundation*

## Excerpts from the 1908 portion of the *Diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt* Part 2: April through June

*By Al Hudson*

This is the second of four installments gleaned from the Diary's three volumes (1896-1910), all of which are now available at Randolph's new library.

4-1-08: "... Pleasant but cold. Churned. Arthur has been doing odd jobs. The selectmen called this afternoon; Mother has quite a bad cold."

4-2-08: "... Wind blew like fury from the S.E. last night and this morning. Has squalled and blustered from the west most all day. Clarence Buzzell and Rod Barnes called. Ridlon came up this afternoon and bought Arthur's bull. Pays \$25 for him. Have sewed some."

4-6-08: "... Snowed enough to whiten the ground last night ... Arthur went to the Crossing this forenoon. He has been down to Kelsey's this afternoon helping them saw wood. Thad Lowe's machine is there sawing. We washed."

4-8-08: "... Got a telephone message this morning that Uncle Rob [Heath] has had a shock, so Arthur carried mother and Aunt Eliza [Heath Leighton] down to see him. They found him very bad - unable to speak, and his right side paralyzed. Arthur went down to Kelsey's and helped move Thad's wood machine up here."

4-9-08: "... Arthur went to the P.O. this forenoon - got word from headquarters that he might ship the rest of his pulpwood. Arthur dressed off the veal calf this afternoon. When he got done the weather had improved, so they went to sawing on [William O.] Pray's wood ... Itie Scates took the horses this afternoon and went up to the West End and hauled a load of Arthur's logs down to the Corner. Itie is staying here tonight."

4-10-08: "... Charlie Lowe brought a message this morning that Uncle Rob died last night ..."

4-11-08: "... Arthur and Leon [Heath] finished sawing the wood in about 15 minutes this morning. Leon and Fred McGinnis moved the machine down to Wood's this afternoon. Mother and Arthur went to Gorham. Carried the veal to Libby's. Weighed 93 pounds @ 9 cents. Snowing and blustering thick tonight."

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## Mountain Memories

*By Toni Brinton*

Most of my vacations in the last 60 plus years have been spent on or near a mountain somewhere in the world either hiking or skiing. When I consider this fact I am amazed. How did this happen to me? My favorite pastime is to loll in a hammock, or on a sofa, reading book after book. We have two wide bookshelves of photo albums; none have pictures of me lazily reading. There are 100's of both of us on one mountain or hill after another.

It all began when I was 19 years old, in the summer of 1947, when I became engaged to Ted Brinton, who had recently returned from the European theater of World War II. He had ten days off before he returned to the Wharton School at Penn. He wanted very much to hike again in the White Mountains where he had worked for Joe Dodge at Madison Huts the summer of 1941. Would I go with him??

In today's world no one would think that an unusual invitation. But in those long ago innocent times an unmarried boy and girl did not usually go off into the wilderness together. However, my parents thought very highly of my new fiancé and they expected me to

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Ted and Toni Brinton on their 50th wedding anniversary at their Randolph home. Meiklejohn archives.

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**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michelle Cormier, Michael Sewick

**Community Calendar**

(NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules see "Town Directory" on the left)

**July**

- 4 Fourth of July Tea, in Kenyon's Barn
- 5 Bill Minifie in Concert, at The Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Randolph Art Show, opening reception, 4-7 pm, Randolph Town Hall
- 12 "Ducks on the Moose Festival," 10:00 a.m.; race at noon  
Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Fire Dept. at the Municipal Bldg
- 18 Berlin Jazz Band Concert, 6:30 pm, Ravine House Pool and Pavilion
- 26 "Dance Around the Pumps", Lowe's Garage, 7 p.m.

**August**

- 9 Annual Library Book and Bake Sale
- 9 RMC Annual meeting
- 10 Randolph Foundation Scholarship renewals are due to Lynn Hunt, 466-3456
- 15 Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall
- 16 Picnic and Charades in Mossy Glen followed by the RMC benefit square dance in Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

**Real Estate Transactions****March 7, 2008**

From: William Allen Jones  
To: R. Scott McKnight, Jr., Ttee of R. Scott McKnight Jr., Revocable Trust and Marcia S. McKnight, Ttee of Marcia S. McKnight Revocable Trust  
Warranty deed

**April 3, 2008**

From: Wayne Parker  
To: Rebecca Boothman  
Quitclaim deed

## Doug Mayer Receives Lifetime Volunteer Award

*By Edith Tucker*

Doug Mayer was presented with a Lifetime Volunteer Service award on May 1<sup>st</sup> under the President's Call to Service Award program for his long-term commitment to the maintenance of the trail systems and facilities of the White Mountain National Forest. This award, presented by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer at the Bartlett Experimental Forest Field Station, represents 4,000 hours or more of volunteerism.

A long-time co-chair of the Randolph Mountain Club's trails committee, Mr. Mayer, who works for the public radio program "Car Talk", makes time to lead, organize and help coordinate complex trail and trail-related projects. A forward thinker, he is known for looking ahead to the future of the forest and outdoor recreation, as well as the preservation of sensitive plants in the alpine zone. Mr. Mayer was cited for his deep and passionate commitment to back-country values and wilderness ethics. He has been a tireless worker on behalf of the White Mountain National Forest and has also volunteered at the Mt. Washington Observatory and for the Waterman Fund.

Several other people were recognized at this ceremony. These awards were given out as part of the U.S. Forest Service's celebration of National Volunteer Week.

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Doug Mayer accepting his lifetime volunteer award from US Secretary of Agriculture, Ed Schafer. Photo by Edie Tucker.

## Friends of the Library Summer Events 2008

The following is a preview of the many events planned for all age groups by the Friends and Trustees of the Randolph Public Library. Watch for specific details in the *Randolph Weekly*.

July 4 Calendars, Concert tickets and Duck Race chances will be on sale at the 4th of July Tea.

July 5 Bill Minifie in Concert; Back by popular demand: Songs for a Summer Evening; at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 7:30 p.m. Advanced Ticket purchase recommended.

For Advanced Tickets call: 466-5408 (your message will be returned).

July 12 Annual Duck Race "Ducks on the Moose" 1000 Ducks will race down the Moose River for a chance at hundreds of prizes. Tickets are available at Lowe's, the library, Wonderland Book Store, the July 4th Tea. For more information call Nancy Penney: 466-3867.

Also, don't miss the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Randolph Fire Department and held at the Municipal Building 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Aug 1 Wildlife Encounters at the Library 11:00 a.m. As part of the NH Summer Reading Program, G'Day For Reading, the Randolph Public Library will present "Creatures Down Under" for children of all ages. Participants will be led on a journey through the outback and come face to face with such animals as the Red-necked Wallaby. This is made possible with grants by the NH State Library and the Saul O.Sidore Memorial Foundation, in memory of Rebecca Lee Spitz.

Aug 9 Book & Bake Sale 9:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m. will be held in Randolph Town Hall.

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 behave, too.

Meanwhile a male friend decided he would really like to go with us and we agreed he should come along, (a chaperone?) But the young man's mother was so scandalized by the idea that she contacted my summer employer who happened to be her friend. (I was teaching swimming at a private pool to small children.) My employer was very amused and told me she had given me glowing recommendations as a suitable hiking companion for her friend's son.

It was very dark and late when we arrived at Pinkham. I am certain I got little sleep as I was not accustomed to bunk beds or sleeping in a dormitory with many others. The next morning, properly attired for climbing, (brand new unworn boots, new backpack) fed a hearty breakfast by the Pinkham Crew (croo) and equipped with a trail lunch we had helped to pack, we set off up the Tuckerman's Ravine Trail. Considering that I had never done any hiking before, I look back, wondering how I made it to the top. Then, as now, the top kept getting further and further away. I remember being very disappointed that the top of Tuckerman's was not the top of Mt. Washington. By the time we reached the Lake of the Clouds hut, with its threatening rim of crosses around the Lake, my feet were totally sore and when I removed my boots nasty blisters had already formed. It was many, many years before I was persuaded to try sturdy boots for hiking again.

Bunk beds, even more uncomfy than Pinkham's, were the overnight accommodations. Back then, the Lakes had nothing but outhouses and a stream in which to wash the face and brush the teeth. I had not envisioned there would be no indoor plumbing or that I would need a flashlight.

The next day, after another hearty breakfast, with self-packed trail lunches, we set off, going under the cog railway, on our way over the range, Gulf Side Trail to Madison hut, and down the Valley Way to Randolph. Halfway down the Valley Way we ran into bees or hornets and I was stung. Our companion was as tired as I was and he muttered behind me, "Turn in your ring. This is just too much." Although I had fixed my blisters with padded band aids and now wore my old sneakers (Ted had thoughtfully advised me to put them in my pack) my feet were hurting. I was tired and very dirty.

We were very lucky to run into Betty Horton who instead of ferrying us back to Pinkham, offered showers at the house where Joan and Alan Horton now live.



On Lion Head, Ted and Toni Brinton with Jim Meiklejohn. Meiklejohn archives.

Later, she introduced us to other young Randolph persons and we played "The Game", or Charades. I was much embarrassed by the whole affair as some smart person insisted on giving me clues in German. (Probably because my maiden name is Zimmerman.) I still know only a maximum of ten German words.

Betty joined us the next day when we climbed up the Old Bridle Trail to Greenleaf Hut, to the top of Lafayette Mountain, across Franconia Ridge and down the Flume. It was a spectacular day with a fantastic ending as we sloshed in our bare feet part way down the Flume. This was all before they fenced off the Flume at the top and it became the tourist scene it is today. Our companion's spirit rose considerably with Betty to lead him across the ridge. The conversation was mainly about a book both Betty and I had just read by Eric Fromme, *Escape from Freedom*. (My first experience of Randolph philosophizing.) This was the nicest day, but Ted Brinton had more for us yet to climb.

The next afternoon we went up to Crag Camp. (In all the years since, the hike up to that cliff-hanging shelter never got any easier.) The cabin was so full of people that night that five of us had to make beds in front of the fireplace which we kept going all night for warmth. The old pump organ was still there. Someone played and we all sang. There was an old dog-eared log in which I signed my name and which I read to see if anyone else had had to sleep on the floor of the main room. Then the outhouse hung over King Ravine and therefore never had to be cleaned out. My concern was that the rickety building might slide with me in it to the floor of the Ravine. More recently I have wondered about the mess accumulating on the floor of the Ravine?

That night before going to bed we sat on a rock outside looking north to Berlin where we could see the city lights. Up in the sky the night was so clear that it seemed you could just fly up the Milky Way to Heaven. The next morning we got up very early and hiked out

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to our car and drove back to Philadelphia.

It's possible that in those few short first days of hiking I climbed higher (more cumulative elevation) and walked more miles than I have ever since in that same short span of time. It's hard to believe that I ever returned to Randolph or ever hiked again, for I think Ted's introduction to mountains was over the top. We were blessed with terrific clear days that made the wide angle view from the top so magnificent. Maybe the memories of those glorious days encouraged me back to the "Hills". Placing one foot in front of the other, persevering to the top gives strange satisfactions. For a forever duffer such as myself, there is a feeling of, "Yeah, I did it!" There is also the narrowing of focus that permits one to think differently, perhaps even to meditate as one hikes.

I was never an avid hiker but on the other hand there were many wonderful happenings on high ground to lift the spirit and renew the soul: the 360-degree view from the top of Kearsarge; looking down the Notch from Mildred Horton's seat on Pine Mountain; the view from Imp Face; looking from Dome Rock across to the houses sprinkled among the trees in Randolph; (If they would rebuild the bridge across Snyder Brook I might be able to make it up there one more time); and Caribou, the Bald Faces, and Little Blueberry Mountain in Evans Notch. Further afield the memorable hikes were Chocorua and Moosilauke. Notice that none of these were mighty ones that challenge the avid strong hikers of the RMC. But they have helped me prepare for some good adventures elsewhere around the world.

That summer of 1947 was just the beginning of my many encounters with many mountains. The Christmas vacation of '47 Ted organized a group to go to Franconia and ski Cannon Mountain. Most mornings the temperature would be 30 degrees below. My mittens froze to the rope tow. One car simply did not like the cold weather and the women of the party spent a day in Littleton while a mechanic fixed the recalcitrant car. The ladies also discovered Mittersill which was just opening. Free lessons were exchanged with a young Austrian who was delighted to practice his English as he gave guidance on the proper skiing technique. That remains the coldest skiing of my life. And still I married him in June 1948.

My life-long connection to the heights began and continues in Randolph.

*Editor's note: this will be continued in the September issue.*



Meg Meiklejohn, Jim Meiklejohn, Toni Brinton, Ted Brinton on Black Cap with Pema & Mingona (Sherpa friends from Nepal) .Meiklejohn archives.

## Passing the Keyboard – Editor Wanted

After 7 years of editing the *Mountain View* quarterly newsletter Alison is ready to pass it on. Working on the *Mountain View* gave me the opportunity to meet the people and learn a great deal about Randolph and its history. The following is a brief job description for anyone who is interested in becoming the next editor:

The editor seeks out interesting articles from people with Randolph connections. These are combined with activities of the town and various volunteer organizations such as the Randolph Mountain Club, Foundation, Library, Colloquy and Church to keep the year-round and summer residents informed. The editor procures material for publication, edits while retaining the style of each author and works with Barbara Arnold on layout and design.

The *Mountain View* does not contain editorials, espouse political views or accept advertisements for services or products.

Please contact Cathy McDowell, Randolph Foundation President by email: [cmcdowell@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmcdowell@ne.rr.com) or by phone 466-5105, if you are interested in helping with this critical communications link in our Town.



*"Diaries" continued ...*

4-12-08: "... Mother, Arthur and I went to Gorham today for Uncle Rob's funeral ... The funeral was held at the Congregational Church. There was a good many people there. The Odd Fellows attended. Uncle Rob was one of the oldest members of the Gorham Lodge ..."

4-14-08: "... An \$8,000,000 fire in Chelsea, Mass last Sunday. 1200 buildings burned and 7500 people left homeless. Irving [Leighton] has been entertaining a couple of Mormon missionaries."

4-17-08: "... Laura [Hunt] and I went to Whitefield and spent the day with Edith [Hunt Libby] in her new home. Found Chester Heath on the train coming home to-night. He was just getting back from his winter in Florida. Mother and Arthur churned ..."

4-25-08: "... Arthur went to Gorham today. Found the roads worse instead of better. Mr. Pray and his two boys [Alfred, Billy] came to Randolph today ..."

4-27-08: "... Al Dickson died Saturday of spinal meningitis. Taken sick in the morning and died before night."

4-28-08: "... I sorted eggs this afternoon. Irving came down and got 16 doz. [eggs] tonight to replace what he has put in the incubator for Arthur. Irving has between three and four hundred chickens."

5-1-08: "... Have sewed some. The men sorted potatoes and split wood this afternoon. Arthur carried some potatoes to Mrs. [Sarah Kelsey] Boothman and Frank Wood this afternoon, and took one more of his logs to the Mill ..."

5-4-08: "... Arthur went down to [Cornelius] Loneygan's barn this forenoon and got a load of hay that he bought of Uncle Vet [Wilson]... Fred [Kelly] took down the banking [around the house] and did other odd jobs ..."

5-5-08: "... A very good day. We washed. The men picked rocks. I went up to Lowe's this afternoon."

5-6-08: "... Arthur has been hauling wood over to Pray's. Fred has done odd jobs. Cora [Lowe Augher-ton] was here this afternoon. I have commenced on the advertisements for Arthur's resident land sale. Have a headache tonight."

5-8-08: "... The men have been hauling out "spreading". Churned and ironed."

5-10-08: "... Charlie and Laura [Hunt] came up. Brought their phonograph. Irving and Newell [Augherton] have been here. Have got eight chickens."

5-12-08: "... The men hauled dressing and sorted potatoes ... I cleaned the attic this forenoon."

5-13-08: "... Arthur paid Fred this morning and told him to go. Besides being lazy and shiftless, he was prying into things - even our jars of berries in the cellar. John Head brought Arthur's nursery stock, 20 apple trees and one pink peony. Arthur set out all the apple trees."

5-14-08: "... Arthur spread manure and plowed. I swept

one of the chambers ... Mother discovered that a pair of trousers Mr. [Henry] Corp left here are missing, and as Fred showed Frank Scates a pair of the same description, we naturally conclude that he stole them. The trousers were very good ones, and mother was going to give them to Charlie Hunt."

5-15-08: "... Arthur has plowed. I did the housework and cleaned the windows and dusted the furniture in the three spare chambers ... Mother went up to the [Whitefield] hospital to see Dr. Morrison. He tells her she has a heart trouble."

5-16-08: "... Arthur went to Gorham with the cart, carried potatoes, and brought back wire fence, four rolls, to build line fence between Mrs. [Lillian M.B.] Schauf-fler and us ..."

5-17-08: "... Ernest Wood came up and sheared fifteen of the sheep, and Arthur sheared the other six ..."

5-19-08: "... Chester Heath has married Fannie Graham. Warm. Churned. Clarence [Buzzell] came up and plowed while Arthur went down and dressed off a calf for Mrs. Boothman. Arthur plowed this afternoon. He and Irving went to the station this evening for a load of grain, but couldn't get it, for the station agent and everybody else was gone to help Walter Simonds get a bear out of a trap."

5-22-08: "... Arthur went up to Irving's this morning and got his chickens - 111 of them, and Irving came down and made a new door for one of the brooders ..."

5-23-08: "... Arthur planted some peas."

5-24-08: "... Pretty warm. Arthur dug a lot of dandelions ..."

5-25-08: "... Tom Berry is here helping Arthur for a few days. They have been making garden. Churned."

5-26-08: "... Arthur and Tom have farmed. Marie [Anderson Leighton] came down and cleaned both the halls and the stairs, and she and mother finished cleaning the west bedroom ..."

5-28-08: "... We washed; used the new washing machine the Arthur bought last Saturday. Charlie Hunt called. He is working on the road ..."

5-31-08: "... Hot ... Arthur has built fence most all day. The cows were getting out and raising Cain."

6-1-08: "... Mrs. [Asenath Scates Baker] Sanborn (who is helping to clean the hotel) called after supper ..."

6-3-08: "... Frank [Scates] helped Arthur plow and spread manure this forenoon. Arthur is preparing a piece of ground and Irving is going to plant it with potatoes on shares. Frank went up to Charlie [Lowe's] this afternoon and got some phosphate for Arthur ..."

6-6-08: "... Frank helped Arthur finish planting this forenoon. They planted quite a lot of beans. I cleaned the milk room most all over ... Mr. [Frank] Brown is sick

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abed now & his mind wandering a good deal of the time ... May and Marion Boothman called ..."

6-9-08: "... Another scorching day. Arthur finished plowing. Charlie Hunt took dinner with us. He has been working on the Hill road with the road machine and a crew of men ... We have got 13 new R.I. Red chickens."

6-10-08: "... Mother and I finished cleaning the milk room and cleaned the china closet. Arthur harrowed, sowed and rolled his last grain field today. Irving is kicking up a fuss about the way Charlie and his crew have or haven't fixed the road."

6-11-08: "... Rather cool. We washed ... Elmer gave [Arthur] some dahlia bulbs, part of a lot that Charlie sent from Boston. He set them out this afternoon ... Irving has a beautiful little row going in the neighborhood - everybody mad at everybody else."

6-12-08: "... Arthur hitched the calf out in the dooryard this afternoon; first time she has been out of doors."

6-16-08: "... Arthur has sorted potatoes and cleaned up the woodshed some. I cleaned the pantry ..."

6-17-08: "... I went over to the old Scates house and picked a lot of rhubarb. Churned."

6-18-08: "... Slight frost last night, but has been a hot day. Arthur has hoed. We washed this forenoon, and have fixed rhubarb to can this afternoon ... Mother and I went down to Kelsey's [Mt. View House] ... May Boothman entertained us with her Victor talking machine. The red cow is sick. Father helped Arthur give her some medicine."

6-19-08: "... Hot. Arthur has hoed some. The Flagg family arrived tonight. Johnny Carter came with them. Arthur went up to the cottage ["Hillcrest"] this forenoon and took the shutters off, and mother and I went up

and aired the house and the blankets. The wind is blowing up a gale tonight. The Flaggs took supper here."

6-20-08: "... The wind blew the board fence on the west side of the lane flat last night and let the cows out, so Arthur has been driving cedar posts and tacking on wire to take the place of the old fence ..."

6-21-08: "... Charlie and Laura came up today and brought the graphophone. We invited the Flaggs and Irving and Marie in to hear the music, and had ice cream and cake ..."

6-22-08: "... Arthur worked on the fence some. He and I carried some potatoes up to Mrs. [Sarah Worall] Judson, one of the cottagers ..."

6-23-08: "... Pretty hot. Arthur and Gene [Hunt] are putting the Flintkote roofing on the cattle shed. Arthur held his land sale this afternoon. There was only one lot left to sell, and mother went with him and bid off that lot. I picked some strawberries for supper."

6-24-08: "... Arthur and Gene finished the roof and begun to fix the east barn. Got to level it up and put in a new front sill. We washed ..."

6-30-08: "... Arthur and Gene hoed some and dressed off one of the pigs. Charlie Hunt called. He had a crew raking rocks out of the roads. Horace [Hunt] has gone up to Charlie's. Showered a little about noon."

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## June Graduates

The following students have graduated from High School and will be attending various schools in the fall:

**Kayla Demers**, valedictorian of her Gorham High School class, will attend Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

**Eamon Kelley** is graduating with honors from Phillips Exeter Academy and will go to Boston College.

**Katlyn Lowe** will attend the University of Maine, Farmington.

Congratulations to all of these Randolph students!

Kayla Demers and Katlyn Lowe thank all of the Randolph residents who contributed to the Dollars for Scholars fundraising effort for their class at Gorham High School.



Joel Leighton's house by Guy Shorey. Courtesy of Beringer archives

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Forget-Me-Nots at the Ravine House Site fireplace. Alison Tomlinson photo.

**Randolph Colloquy 2008**

Welcome to the 2008 season of the Colloquy! We hope that you will be intrigued with our speakers and their subjects. You will be able to compare the Northeast Kingdom with Montana in the early Nineteen Hundreds, to learn about prisoners in Stark, New Hampshire at the time of the Second World War, to follow Claudia Hampton in *Moon Tiger* as she retraces her life and to better understand what it meant to be in the New World at the time of the Mayflower. Please join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

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| July 11<br>Friday    | Book Discussion      10:45 a.m.<br><i>The Whistling Season</i> , by Ivan Doig<br>Discussion leader Julie Barrow  |
| July 25<br>Friday    | Lecture                  7:30 p.m.<br>Howard Frank Mosher will talk about his writing, Especially his new book, <i>On Kingdom Mountain</i> . The talk will be accompanied by slides. |
| August 1<br>Friday   | Lecture                  7:30 p.m.<br>Ingrid Graff will lecture on <i>Moon Tiger</i> , by Penelope Lively.   |
| August 7<br>Thursday | Lecture                  7:30 p.m.<br>Allen Koop will lecture on his book, <i>Stark Decency</i> . This talk will be accompanied by slides.   |
| August 15<br>Friday  | Book Discussion      10:45 a.m.<br><i>Mayflower</i> , by Nathaniel Philbrick.<br>Discussion leader, Michael Bronnert.  |

All events will take place at the Randolph Town Library on Durand Road.

There will be a fee of \$5.00 per person, per event for the lectures.

There is *no charge* for the book discussions.

These events are funded in part by The Randolph Colloquy, The Friends of the Library, and The Randolph Foundation.

Refreshments will be served.

## The Randolph Church, 2008

Welcome to the 124<sup>th</sup> season of the Randolph Church. There will be ten Sunday morning services of worship this summer, all at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

A special ecumenical communion service will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup>, and the annual meeting follows worship on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Susan Ferré and her husband, Charles Lang, will present an all-Bach concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be playing viola da gamba, Baroque cello, harpsichord, and the church's Ruggles organ. With this concert we welcome them as permanent residents in our area.

Church officers this year are: The Rev. Avery Post, Moderator; The Rev. Edgar Adams, Vice-moderator; Jim Baldwin, Treasurer; Josie Eusden, Secretary; Joan Rising, Clerk.

July 6	Sister Monique Therriault Organist: Arthur Wenk
July 13	Norman Hjelm Organist: Suzanne Ozorak
July 20	John Weatherly Organist: Barbara Wyssession
July 27	Ecumenical Communion Service Paul Bradley Edgar Adams Organist: Patti Dunn
August 3	John Eusden Organist: Heywood Alexander

Concert, 4:00 p.m.. All-Bach program. Susan Ferré and Charles Lang.

August 10	William May Organist: Susan Ferré
Annual Meeting immediately following the service	
August 17	Avery Post Organist: Susan Ferré
August 24	Lucy Alexander Organist: Heywood Alexander
August 31	Eleanor McLaughlin Organist: Barbara Bishop
September 7	Henry T. Folsom Organist: Heywood Alexander

## Lifeline

Have you ever thought about who you would call if you fell and needed help? If so, you may want to sign up for Lifeline. New England Emergency Response System (NEERS) will equip you with a lightweight help button. In an emergency, a push of the help button activates the system connected to your phone line. Instantly, an operator is checking on you. Help is available immediately. The operator communicates with you via your voice interactive communicator to decide if help is needed and then dispatches anyone you have designated, including the police or an ambulance. This provides you 24 hour safety throughout your home and property. The Randolph Foundation in its concern for our community's health and welfare will pay for half of the monthly fee for Lifeline. For more information on this system and to sign up contact Jean Malick 466-2547. She will contact NEERS. They will contact you, come to your home, install the lifeline monitor and show you how to use it. The Randolph Foundation will automatically pay half of the monthly cost for this service. Information on Lifeline is also available through the Randolph Life Squad and at the Town Hall.



Kai Parlett and Isobel Micucci biking on Durand Road. Barbara Arnold photo.

## RMC Summer News

As we head into the summer, RMC's volunteers are busy pulling together details of many upcoming social events, hikes and work trips. Details are listed below. Updated information will be available via a number of places, including online on the RMC web site at [randolphmountainclub.org](http://randolphmountainclub.org), via the *Randolph Weekly*, and via RMC's new email bulletin. (If you're not sure if you've given RMC your email address, and would like to sign up, just head to the RMC web site and look for the link).

RMC's trail crews arrive for orientation on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and begin work the following Monday. After several weeks of clearing blowdowns and cleaning drainages, they'll begin work on their projects for the summer, including major projects on Israel Ridge Path, Lowe's Path, and Ledge Trail.

RMC's caretakers this summer will be sisters Alexandra and Elizabeth Disney who hail from upstate New York, but attend college in Maine. We hope you can swing by and say hello. Nothing major is planned project-wise up at the camps this summer, just the normal caretaker projects of greeting guests, performing nightly rounds, and maintenance on the buildings and composting toilets.

We hope to see you on the trails, up at our camps, or at an event this summer!

### Social Events

#### RMC Trail Crew Potluck

Saturday, June 7, 6 p.m. at Stearns Lodge.

FMI: Doug Mayer, [dmayer@cartalk.com](mailto:dmayer@cartalk.com), or 466-5395.

#### The July 4 Tea

Kenyon's barn, Randolph Hill Road, Friday, July 4, from 3 to 5 p.m.

FMI: Sarah Gallop, [seg@MIT.EDU](mailto:seg@MIT.EDU)

#### Trail Crew Mid-Summer Potluck Dinner

Friday night, July 11, 6:00 p.m. at Stearns Lodge.

FMI: Doug Mayer, [dmayer@cartalk.com](mailto:dmayer@cartalk.com), or 466-5395.

#### RMC Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall and will feature a talk by part-time Randolph resident Tad Pfeffer. A glaciologist and photographer, Tad is a Fellow of the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, and Professor of Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has been interested in mountains and cold regions all his life, and worked on the RMC trail crew in 1968 and 1969 and as a hut caretaker in 1970 and 1971. Since 1978 he has worked on glaciers in Alaska, Greenland, Antarctica, Canadian Arctic, and various mountain locations in North America and Europe.

FMI: Sarah Gallop, [seg@MIT.EDU](mailto:seg@MIT.EDU)

#### RMC Annual Picnic Charades

Saturday, August 16 at Mossy Glen.

FMI: Sarah Gallop, [seg@MIT.EDU](mailto:seg@MIT.EDU)

**The Post-Charades Square Dance** will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, August 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Please note the change in location.

FMI: Sarah Gallop, [seg@MIT.EDU](mailto:seg@MIT.EDU)

#### Gourmet Hike

Thursday, August 7.

Jimmy Olsen, Leader. Location TBD.

FMI: Sarah Gallop, [seg@MIT.EDU](mailto:seg@MIT.EDU)

## Hikes

Specifics for the RMC's summer hike schedule are not yet finalized as the *Mountain View* goes to press, but we are looking forward to another great mix of RMC hikes this season. As always, RMC sponsored hikes will go on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting, beginning in early July and running through the end of August.

Several popular events are already on the calendar, including the RMC Gourmet Hike, scheduled for Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Dyk Eusden, Bates College Professor of Geology, will once again lead a hike and discussion to a local point of geologic interest on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. And Doug Mayer and Judy Hudson are planning another sequel to their popular "Randolph Trails: Then and Now" hikes in which Judy discusses the history of local trails and Doug offers insights into current RMC trail construction and maintenance issues.

Other summer hike plans under consideration include a moderately easy overnight trip, photography or sketching oriented hikes, long ridge traverses, and a series of several shorter hikes. While open to all, these shorter hikes of two to three miles will be designed to keep kids of all ages interested and entertained by emphasizing hikes with waterfalls, bog bridges, swimming holes, rocks for scrambling, and berry picking.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the RMC summer hike series, or if you're interested in leading an RMC hike, please contact Blake Strayhorn, ([bstrayhorn@mindspring.com](mailto:bstrayhorn@mindspring.com)) Renee Dunham, or Keith Dempster ([ksdempster@earthlink.net](mailto:ksdempster@earthlink.net))

## Work Trips

Once again, RMC has a series of work trips scheduled through the summer season. If you'd like to lend a hand on the trails, and meet other friends of RMC, please do join us. Come for an hour, a morning, or all day—every bit helps!

**Saturday, June 21. RMC volunteer work trip on Lower Bruin.** Sally Micucci trip leader. Meet at Stearns Lodge at 9 a.m. for hike to lower Bruin on the delightful Brookside. Light Brushing with RMC sponsored BBQ to follow at Stearns Lodge. FMI Mike Micucci at 466-2824 or [mikemoriah@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemoriah@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, June 26. Howker Ridge Brushing with Al Sochard.**

A moderate hike to clean up a short section of Howker Ridge. Club sponsored BBQ to follow at Stearns Lodge. Meet at Stearns Lodge at 9 a.m. FMI: Mike Micucci at 466-2828 or [mikemoriah@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemoriah@yahoo.com)

**Sunday, June 29. Ice Gulch Brushing.**

Doug Mayer will lead this trip in the incomparable Ice Gulch. Brushing and drainage clearing with club sponsored BBQ to follow at Stearns Lodge. Meet at Stearns Lodge at 9 a.m. FMI Mike Micucci at 466-2824 or [mikemoriah@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemoriah@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, August 16. Hill Trails Brushing.**

The exact trail will be determined as the season progresses. Easy hiking with Matt Schomburg. Meet at Stearns Lodge at 9 a.m., brush for a few hours, and then drop by the RMC picnic in Mossy Glen. FMI: Mike Micucci @ 466-2824 or [mikemoriah@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemoriah@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, August 23. Ice Cave Loop Brushing.** Leaders: Irene Garvey and Todd Moore. A great work trip into the incomparable King Ravine to clean up the Ice Cave loop. For more fit hiker, this trip will meet at Stearns Lodge at 9 a.m. A BBQ will follow at Stearns Lodge. FMI: Mike Micucci @ 466-2824 or [mikemoriah@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemoriah@yahoo.com)

## Building Permits

- 08-01 Gary and Rhonda Stitt will build a new house.
- 08-02 Michael Sewick will add a storage structure.
- 08-03 Auvern and Judith Kenison will tear down an old garage and build a new one.
- 08-04 Doug Mayer will install a new metal roof.

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## Randolph Art Show Opening

The Annual Randolph Art Show will open on Thursday July 10, 2008 at the Randolph Town Hall with a wine and cheese reception between 4 and 7 p.m. If any town residents who have not exhibited before would like to do so this year, they should get in touch with Angela and Bill Pfeffer at 603-466-3828 or [wpfeffer@ne.rr.com](mailto:wpfeffer@ne.rr.com).

## September Issue

*Mountain Memories, Part 2* by Toni Brinton and *The Diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt, Part 3* will be presented in the fall issue. The deadline for the September issue is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Look for an announcement of a new *Mountain View* editor in the *Randolph Weekly*.

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## Time to Return Winter Books!

Please remember to return the books you borrowed for the winter. The new Library shelves are ready and waiting for them. There is a book drop container just outside the Library door for your convenience.

The first time you visit the new facility, you will be asked to fill out a new card. Each person borrowing books or videos will have their own card. It only takes a minute—thank you.

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